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#### **Applications For Rehearing Regarding Emergency Amendment To Cold Weather Rule Denied**

JEFFERSON CITY—A majority of the Missouri Public Service Commission today denied applications for rehearing filed by Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, Atmos Energy Corporation, Aquila, Inc., Laclede Gas Company and Missouri Gas Energy regarding the Commission's decision on December 13, 2005, to order an emergency amendment to the Cold Weather Rule.

"The Commission shall grant a rehearing or reconsider the order if in its judgment there is sufficient reason to do so. AmerenUE and the Joint Application raise no issues that were not considered in the Commission's Order Approving Emergency Amendment. Therefore, the Commission does not find sufficient reason to rehear or reconsider this case. The application for rehearing is denied," the Commission's order said.

On December 13, 2005, the Commission ordered an emergency amendment to its Cold Weather Rule that provides options for level payments throughout the year and lessens the financial requirements for those seeking reconnection.

The emergency amendment will apply to all local natural gas distribution companies that are under PSC jurisdiction. It will take effect on December 26, 2005 and will expire on March 31, 2006.